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WIT AND HUMOR.

You don't see much of him at this season, but a grasshopper enjoys a beautiful spring.-Ex.

The Lowell Courier has heard of a young lady in that city who is an Anna-kissed.—Chicago News.

Why are young ladies nowadays like bells? Because you never can find out their metal until you have given them a ring .- Ex.

The most modest man ever heard of was in a row boat in a storm. He cuckle. got swamped and drowned because be refused to hug the shore .- Ex.

The best carpenter in Royal Oak Nothing strange about it. Woman has always had great success as a joiner.-Washington Post.

Professor in astronomy: "Mr. J. can you tell me which constellation the sun will enter next?"

"Can't, sir." Professor: "Correct; the constellation of Cancer."-Ex.

"Hello, Diggs, what are you doing

"I keeping hotel now, Wiggs." "Ah, on what plan?"

"European plan." "And of course European lots of

eash."-Hartford Post. "I see they are trying to put a stop o all betting in New York."

"I'm glad of it. Betting is a pernicious practice. I hope they will stop it." "But they can't do it." "Can't do it! I'll bet you \$50

hey can."-Chicago News. "What have you got for supper? asked Mr. Snaggs, last night, as he

entered the dining room. Real Estate Agency. "Why, I have some buscuits that I made myself, dear," replied his wife. Writes heavy lines on Mills, Build "Well, bring 'em on," said Suaggs, in a resigned tone. "I'm hungry

enough to eat anything."-Ex. "I would not marry an eastern man, if I had to live an old maid all my life." exclaimed a buxum Missouri ting under a tree.

"Why not?" demanded her astonshed companion.

"Because every paper you pick up contains an account of the failure of the eastern mails."-Ex.

Mr. Jangs: "Yes, sir; I have had ome strange experiences and witnessed some moving scenes, very moving,

ou a detective ?" Mr. Jangs: "No; I'm a scene shifter at Music Hall."-Lowell Citi-"What have you done to further

human progress?" asked a sententious philosopher, the other day, of "I've seven boys and two girls, sir,' said Jerry.

The philosopher departed, and for the first time in his life-thought .-"Have you found religion yet, my

'riend?" the Rev. Sam Jones inquired of one of his hearers. "No," was the reply.
"What is your occupation, may I

ask ?" "I am a detective." "H'm!" observed the great revi-

valist, "that accounts for it."-Ex. "That must have been Hackleby's wife he just left at the corner ?" "Was it? I've never met her."

"Neither have I."

"How do you know she was his vife, then ?" "Because he didn't lift his hat hen they parted."-Detroit Tribune.

"You say the trout weighed ten pounds ?" "Yes, sir; it was the biggest trout

I ever saw. "And it got away from you?"

"Will you take an oath to that ?" "I'll take no more oaths. I swore enough about it when it got away."-Yonkers Statesman.

"Hello! Jinks," said one St. Louis big a hurry as if you were going "Well, I would buy it if it wasn't

for one thing." "What is that? Lack of money?" what to do with Chicago."-Newman

many has she got?"-Ex.

Bow-Legged Keets is a little, old cause where he leaned against the negro. A prominent man once bet tree little particles of gray threads \$200 that Keets, after being stall fed, had been caught by the bark. There pansive hips and laughed with a deep had waited .- New York Times.

"Oh, I'se in arnest," said Keets. "Fur er laung time I has knowd dat nigh neber seed an' I wants yer."

ham strung an' all dat, but I'se got er and said : heurt in me ez big ez er vearlin' ca'f : "Mr. Burrows, how many witnesses

ship two, but all o' it." "G'way, chile, wid yer foolishness." "I ain't gwine erway till I goes airter de license. I'se come heah on hoe, nowhere t'' bidnez."

"I mus' 'knowledge," said Ann, reflectively, "that yer air er putty sensible little pusson." "Now yer comin' it; comin' it now. Keep on er talkin' dat way, fur it's de

sweetes' music I eber heard." "Keets, I does lub yer er little." "Huh, what er sweet tongue dis maiden's got."

"I lubs yer er heep, come ter think erbout it.' " 'Lasses flowin' now, sho'." "An' ef yer says so I'll mair yer." "Out popped de 'lasses candy," ex-

attempted to put his arms around were married. About two

claimed Keets as he reached up and

along?

"'Bout at de cend o' mer row, sah. "How's that ?" Keets nodded his head toward the cabin and said: "On ercount o' dat elifin up vander."

"Doesn't she treat you rightly?" "No, sah, she doan. She's allus er sinnywatin ergin me. Yistidy she tion." hurt mer feelin's an' hurt mer pride. W'y, sah, she spanked me on de head wid er shubel, dat's w'at she did."

"Dosen't appear to have an / feeling for you, eh?" "Oh, yas, an' dat's de trouble. She's er feelin fur me all de time, an' w'n she gits me de earth hab dun los' contempt o' court." its sharm. Some mo' trouble come

up twix us jes now." "Have a misunderstanding?" "Nor, sah, had er un'erstandin'. house too soon. Trouble is I didn't this." go out soon ernuff. She tuck me by de scuff o' de naik an' de loosenees o' dese britches an'-wall, I lit jes now. Thought I neber wuz comin' down, an' I says ter merse'f, Mr. Keets, whar yer gwine ter light t' Nor, sah, dat 'oman ain't gentle ernuff to suit

dis pusson." "What are you going to do?" "Keep outen her way, dats what. was nec'sary to unload the hoss-I'll Oh I'se putty sharp. I kin allus tell remit the fine and discharge you on w'n things ain't goin' on all right. yer own recognizance. Ef you and DOWN Wall," springing to his feet, "I mus' the jury'll come out you may ir'egate go. I seed dat 'oman stick her head at the expense uv the court."-Estelouten de winder an' I know she's line Bell. lookin' after me, but if she ketches me dis time she got ter scatter tracks mighty fas'."-Arkansas Traveler.

How Detectives Obtain Pointers.

The story of an Indian who found a white man lying dead in the woods with a bullet hole in his forehead, is one of the best illustrations of the habit of observation which a detective must cultivate. The Indian came into the white settlement and told the settlers his story: "Found with a clean white apron and a pretty white man dead in woods. Had hole in his head. Short white man shot man to another, "you seem to be in him with long gun; ramrod of gun three inches beyond muzzle of gun. Wore gray woolen cont. Had little dog with short tail. Had waited long while for dead man to come along." "How do you know all this! "No; it's because I wouldn't know Did you see it!" was naturally demanded of the Indian. "Oh, yes me

Not long since a gentleman telegraphed to a friend in Cleveland, an the Indian showed them the spot where interesting family affair as follows: the murderer had waited for his viclike their nurses, and I wish my "Sarah and little one doing well." tim. He had set his gun against the children to have no mannerisms that The telegram reached its station, tree. It was a long one, because the will be offensive. when it read thus: "Sarah and litter are doing well." The recipient telegraphed back the following astounding query: "For heaven's sake, how slight mark made by the ramrod, many heaven get?"—Ex.

will be cheaved. What kind of a nurse did you have, Henry?"

"Madam," he said, rather confusedly, "I had a colored nurse; but it doesn't work with boys."—San Fran-

showing that it projected three inches. cisco Chronic

would not weigh more than ninety was the place where the little dog sat pounds. Keets earns his living-a on his haunches-his stump tail left a part of it at least-by wading through mark in the yielding soil. The murthe swamps and catching frogs, which derer was short, because when he re he sells in town. Some time ago loaded his gun he set the butt a good Keets married Fat Ann. Ann is one way from his feet. The trail he left of the largest and strengest women coming and going showed he was in the country. It is said that she white, because he turned his toes out. once seized a steer and held him un- Indians never did. The trail also til he leudly begged for mercy. showed that the one coming to the When Keets asked her to be his wife tree was older than the one going she put her great hands on her ex- away from it-hence the murderer

The man wore a gray woolen coat, be-

We came along to a cross-road in yerse'f is de putties' 'oman I might Alabama where a colored justice of the peace was about to open court, "G'way' chile, g'way," Ann replied. and it was proposed that we halt for "Yer ain' nuthin but er boy er laung an hour or two and witness operations. The case to come on was between two "Honey," said Keets, in tones of colored men, one of whom charged imploration, "I knows dat I doan the other with having stole a hoemount ter much in dis ole worl'; I There were neither lawyers nor jury, knows dat I'se er small pusson, sorter but the judge called up the plaintiff

an' honey, all dat gre't big heart 'longs have you got dat Mr. Bunker stole ter yerse'f. Not section one an' town- dat hoe !"

"Two, sah." "Mr. Bunker, how many witnesses

have you got dat you nebber took dat "Fo', sah." "Den I shall dismiss de case, an' M. Burrows mus' pay de costs. Every one knows dat fo' witnesses kin sw'ar harder dan two witnesses, an' it

waluable time of dis court." Mr. Burrows paid about three dollars costs, and as he was going away

am no use gwine ahead to take up de

his Honor continued: "Next time you is gwine ter sue a man you wants mo' witnesses dan he's got or you are gwine to be left. Dis court will now adjourn an' go fishin'.' -Detroit Free Press.

Circumstances that Altered the Opinion of a Dakota Justice

A Dakota justice of the peace was weeks afterward a gentleman, while trying a man for obtaining money unpassing Keets' house, saw Keets sit-der false pretenses by making untruthful statements concerning a horse he "Well, Keets, how are you getting had sold. A rather severe sentence was passed, and the prisoner said: "Judge, that sentence is unjust.

"That sentence won't be changed

not to any very great extent not ef the court knows herself," thundered "But there was alleverating and extenerating cucumstances in connec

"Why didn't you state 'em before?" "The court didn't give me no "It is the opinion of the court that

the court had something to do with this trial-please ante up yer fine here 'for I sock five dollars onter you for "But just let me explain, you know. I told the man that the hoss was only

I you see it was the sor'l hoss you traded un'erstood dat I couldn't git outen de me and I took your word fur all "Hey! Was it the one I shoved

six years old and wouldn't balk; well

onter you last week?" "That's what it was, judge." "And you didn't say nothing wus than that he'd pull and was a colt?" "That's all, yer honor."

"Well, this makes the case entirely difrent—cucumstances alters cases—
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"Why, dear, don't you like her?"

"She's not young enough."

"Oh, yes, I suppose you do." "You are wrong, my dear. I do not mean that." "What ?"

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